

union with its mother church, the Orthodox Church of the East." The objects of the latter and its ecclesiastical position are stated briefly in the note below.¹

The actual work to be done by the Mission is thus summed up by its promoters : " The work of the Mission is in the first place to train up a body of literate clergy; secondly, to instruct the youth generally in both religious and secular knowledge; and thirdly, to print the very early liturgies and service-books, to which the Assyrians are much attached, which have never been published in the original, and of which the very primitive character is shown by their freedom from doubtful doctrine. The Mission in no way seeks to Anglicanise the Assyrians on the one hand, nor, on the other, to condone the heresy which separated them from the rest of Christendom or to minimise its importance."

The English clergy are celibates, receive no stipends, and live together, with a common purse, each receiving £25 per annum for personal expenses.

¹ " By God's help : (1) To raise up and restore a fallen Eastern Church to take her place again amongst the Churches of Christendom. (2) To infuse spiritual life into a church which the oppression of centuries has reduced to a state of weakness and ignorance. (3) To give the Chaldean or Assyrian Christians (a) a religious education on the broad principles of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church ; (&) a secular education calculated to fit them for their state of life, the common mistakes and dangers of over-education and of Europeanising education being most carefully guarded against. (4) To train up the native clergy, by means of schools and seminaries, to be worthy to serve before God in their high vocation, and to rise to their responsibilities as leaders and teachers of the people in their villages. (5) To build schools, of which at present

there are none,
owing to the extreme poverty and misery of the people. (6)
To aid the
Patriarch and Bishops by counsel, by encouragement, and
by active support. (7) To reorganise the Chaldean Church upon her
ancient lines, to
set in motion the ecclesiastical machinery now rusty
through disuse, and
to revive religious discipline amongst clergy and laity. (8)
To print the
ancient Chaldean service-books. They are now only in
MS., and the
number of copies is totally insufficient for the supply of
the parish
churches."